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HIROSHI TANIUCHI, ET AL.)
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AND METHOD OF MODIFYING	:
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are enclosed.

JP '035 and JP '312 are discussed at page 7 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

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JP '783 is discussed at page 63 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

US '571, US '123, US '220 and EP '082 were cited in a Search Report and/or a Written Opinion of the corresponding international PCT application. Copies of the Search Report and Written Opinion are included for the Examiner's convenience.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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	6,106,762	08/2000	Agur et al.				
	6,529,220	03/2003	Matsumoto				
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	61-36783	02/1986	JAPAN			No	
	5-330035	12/1993	JAPAN			Abstract	
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